

REMARKS

Status of Claims

Claims 1-20 are pending. Claims 1-8 and 17-20 are allowed. Claims 9-16 are objected to because of a minor claim informality. Claim 9 has been amended to address the objection to claims 9-16. Claims 1-20 remain for consideration upon entry of the present Amendment. No new matter has been added.

Claim Objections

The Examiner has objected to claims 9-16 because claim 9 allegedly does not reflect antecedent basis for the term "first mounting flange." Applicants have accordingly amended claim 9 by changing the term "first mounting flange" to "first guide member."

In view of the amendment to claim 9, Applicants assert that claim 9 is allowable. Claims 10-16, which depend from claim 9, are also asserted to be allowable.

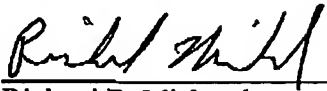
Conclusion

Applicants believe that the foregoing amendments and remarks are fully responsive to the Office Action and that the claims herein are allowable. In view of the foregoing amendment that addresses the Examiner's objection to the claims, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider the present application, remove the objection, and allow the application to issue.

If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference with Applicants' attorneys would be advantageous to the disposition of this case, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned.

Applicants believe that no fees are due with the submission of this Amendment.

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